

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, the method including:

- a step of selecting from an access terminal an audiovisual content to be recorded, the content being associated with a broadcast date and time, and
- a step of the access terminal receiving a record file of the selected audiovisual content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the scheduled date and time for broadcasting it,

and the method further comprising:

- a preliminary step of the access terminal selecting a set of contents having a common topic, said set being offered by an audiovisual content presentation server, which then executes the selection of the audiovisual content automatically on the basis of the selected set; and

- a step of updating the record file, especially in the event of modification of the audiovisual content selected by the presentation server.

2. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the updating step is executed if the date and/or the time of broadcasting the selected audiovisual content is modified.

3. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the updating step is executed if the selection of the audiovisual content selected by the presentation server is modified.

35 4. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the updating step is executed if the selected audiovisual

content is replaced by another audiovisual content or is cancelled.

5. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the
record file includes at least one field marked by a
markup and defining information identifying the
corresponding audiovisual content, associated with data
describing said content.

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6. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the
record file includes at least one field marked by a
markup and defining, for a given audiovisual content in
15 the same file, a content identifier associated with a
content already recorded in the storage means of the
access terminal.

20 7. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the
syntax of files exchanged between the access terminal and
the server is defined by an unique data structure schema,
in particular an XML schema.

25 8. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the
presentation server comprises means for identifying a
terminal that has selected an audiovisual content and the
updating step includes notifying a modification relating
30 to said audiovisual content as soon as the presentation
server is notified of said modification.

35 9. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the
record file includes the address of an update server for
generating a request to update the record file sent by
the terminal to the update server.

10. A method according to claim 9 of recording
audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule,
wherein the request is an HTTP request.

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11. A method according to claim 9 of recording
audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule,
wherein the terminal sends the request to update the
record file periodically up to the date and time
10 scheduled for broadcasting the selected audiovisual
content.

12. A method according to claim 9 of recording
audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule,
15 wherein the terminal sends the request to update the
record file increasingly often as the date and time for
recording the selected audiovisual content approaches.

13. A method according to claim 9 of recording
20 audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule,
wherein the record file includes a field marked by a
markup and defining the address of the update server.

14. A system for recording audiovisual contents broadcast
25 according to a schedule, adapted to execute a method
according to claim 1, wherein the system comprises a
presentation server for presenting said audiovisual
contents and an access terminal comprising means for
selecting a set of contents offered by the presentation
30 server and having a common topic, the selection of at
least one audiovisual content being then automatically
executed by the presentation server, on the basis of the
set that has been selected in order to supply to the
access terminal a record file of the selected audiovisual
35 content, said file containing information identifying the
audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for
broadcasting it.

15. An update server adapted to execute a method according to claim 1, wherein the server includes means for selecting at least one audiovisual content and for
5 transmitting a record file of the selected audiovisual content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for broadcasting it, on the basis of a set of contents having a common topic selected from the access terminal, and
10 means for updating the record file, in particular if the selected audiovisual content is modified.

16. An access terminal adapted to execute a method according to claim 1, comprising means for receiving a
15 record file of a selected audiovisual content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for broadcasting it, which access terminal further comprises means for selecting beforehand a set of contents offered by an
20 audiovisual content presentation server and having a common topic, the selection of the audiovisual content being then automatically executed by the presentation server, on the basis of the set selected, and means for receiving update data for the record file, in particular
25 if the selected audiovisual content is modified.